Absentee Voting

As a registered voter in Indiana, you are eligible to vote **absentee-in-person** at your county election board office beginning 29 days before Election Day.

In order to vote **absentee-by-mail**, one of the following must apply:

- 1. You have a specific, reasonable expectation that you will be absent from the county on Election Day during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open (6 am to 6 pm).
- 2. You have a disability.
- 3. You are at least 65 years of age.
- 4. You will have official election duties outside of your precinct.
- 5. You are scheduled to work at your regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- 6. You will be confined due to illness or injury or you will be caring for an individual confined due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- 7. You are prevented from voting because of a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- 8. You are a participant in the state's address confidentiality program.
- 9. You are a member of the military or a public safety officer.

In order to vote absentee-by-traveling board, you must fit into bullet points 2 or 6 above.

The ballot will be delivered to you by a bi-partisan absentee voter board who will be able to assist you with your ballot.

Accessibility

State law requires that polling locations and voting machines be accessible to elderly voters and voters with disabilities. If you need assistance voting, you may choose someone to help you (other than your employer or union officer) or one poll worker from each major political party will be available to assist you.

If you wish to file a grievance about your polling place's accessibility or report possible fraudulent election activities please call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 1-866-IN-1-VOTE (866-461-8683).

More Information?

- If you would like to check your voter registration or the location of your polling place, please visit www.IndianaVoters.com or call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 1-866-IN-1-VOTE (866-461-8683).
- If you are interested in being a poll worker on Election Day, contact the county office of your party or circuit court clerk. Poll workers are compensated for their time, varying by county. 16 and 17 year olds may also be eligible.



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Voting Requirements

You have the right to vote in an Indiana election, if:

- You are both a U.S. citizen and a resident of Indiana; and
- You will be at least 18 years of age at the next General or Municipal Election, November 8, 2011; and
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; and
- You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days prior to the election; *and*
- You are registered to vote.

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To register to vote, simply visit www.IndianaVoters.com or fill out the VRG-7 form and return it to your county by the deadlines listed below.

Election Calendar

- **April 4, 2011**: Voter Registration Closes for the 2011
 - Primary Election
- **April 25, 2011**: Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to
 - be received for the 2011 Primary Election
- May 3, 2011: Primary Election Day
- May 17, 2011: Voter Registration Opens for the 2011
 - Municipal Election
- October 11, 2011: Voter Registration Closes for the 2011
 - Municipal Election
- October 31, 2011: Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications
 - to be received for the Municipal Election
- November 8, 2011: Municipal Election Day Mail-in voter registration applications must be post marked on or before the above registration deadlines; online applications must be submitted on or before 11:59pm on the above registration deadlines.

Offices on the Ballot

2011 Primary and Municipal Elections:

*Major parties will nominate candidates during the primary and candidates will be elected during the municipal elections to the following offices:

Mayors

- City-county council members City common council members City Clerk or Clerk-Treasurer City judges
- Town council members Town clerk-treasurers
- Town judges

Who's On Your Ballot?

Before each election, the Indiana Secretary of State's office works with all 92 county clerks to build an online database of candidates. By visiting **www.IndianaVoters.com**, citizens can view their complete ballot before going to the polls to vote. The candidate information on this website is supplied and maintained by the Indiana Election Division and by each county election board.

Who Are Your Elected Officials?

For the first time, citizens can now go online to **www.WhoAreYourElectedOfficials.IN.gov** to view a complete list of who represents them at all levels of government, from President to school board members. By entering an address and clicking on search, a printable list of who represents that citizen is made available. This is the first database of its kind in the nation.

Photo Identification

A voter must provide government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot. The ID must fit the following criteria:

- Your ID must display your photo and either be current or have expired after the last General Election (Nov. 2, 2010).
- Your ID must contain an expiration date and either still be current or have expired sometime *after* the date of the last General Election (November 2, 2010).
- Your ID must be issued by the State of Indiana or the US government.

In most cases, an Indiana driver license, Indiana photo ID card, Military ID or US passport is sufficient. Interim IDs issued by the BMV are also acceptable.

If you are unable or unwilling to present ID meeting these requirements, you may cast a provisional ballot. If you cast a provisional ballot, you have until noon 10 days after the election to follow up with the county election board.

Exemptions do exist for the indigent, those with a religious objection to being photographed, and individuals living in state-licensed facilities where the precinct's polling place is also located.

You can obtain an Indiana photo ID card FREE OF CHARGE from any BMV branch that issues driver's licenses and ID cards.